

Parking on the streets of Seattle . . .

Proper parking on Seattle streets helps everyone, and accommodates the different needs of many users. It enables people to get where they need to go safely and contributes to the business vitality of our community. Illegal parking, on the other hand, creates safety hazards and is an inconvenience.

The Seattle Police Department is responsible for enforcing parking restrictions and regulations on the streets and curbs to ensure public safety in driving, taking the bus, making deliveries, biking, and walking.

PARKING TICKETS

If you receive a parking ticket, you have 15 days to act on one of three options as instructed on the back of the ticket by doing one of the following:

PAYING TICKETS

- Pay by mail in the provided envelope to Municipal Court of Seattle, P.O. Box 34987, Seattle WA 98124-4987
- Pay by phone at (206) 684-5600
- Pay online at www.seattle.gov/courts/
- Pay in person at the Municipal Court of Seattle, 600 Fifth Avenue, from Monday through Friday / 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

MITIGATING TICKETS

Request a mitigation hearing if you agree that you committed the infraction, but would like to explain the circumstances before a Seattle Court Magistrate.

CONTESTING TICKETS

Request a contested hearing if you believe you were issued the ticket in error, and want to contest the ticket before a Seattle Court Magistrate.

GENERAL INFORMATION

PARKING METERS/PAY STATIONS

- Most paid parking is in effect Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Most paid parking costs \$1.50 per hour.
- Pay station receipts are portable, and may be used at pay stations and parking meters.
- Only one pay station receipt may be displayed on a vehicle.

CONTACTS

- To request a parking enforcement officer for non-emergencies: (206) 625-5011
- To report abandoned vehicles: (206) 684-8763
- To report damaged parking or traffic signs: (206) 684-ROAD/7623
- To report damaged parking meters or pay stations: (206) 684-5260



CAN I PARK HERE?

20 Ways to Avoid Parking Tickets

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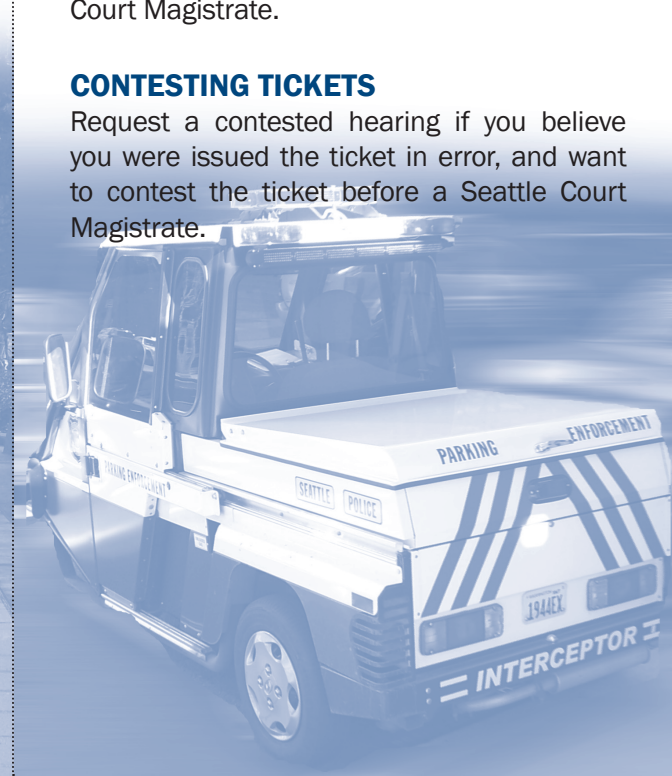
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DEPARTMENT**
www.seattle.gov/police

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**SEATTLE DEPARTMENT
OF TRANSPORTATION**

www.seattle.gov/transportation/parking



PARKING NOT ALLOWED
subject to ticket and/or towing



ALLEYS
No passenger vehicles are allowed to park or stop in alleys. Only commercial vehicles are allowed to temporarily stop to load/unload for up to 30 minutes.



CROSSWALKS
Do not park within 20 feet of marked or unmarked crosswalks.



DRIVEWAYS
Do not park within 5 feet of driveways.



FIRE HYDRANTS
Do not park within 15 feet of fire hydrants.



SIDEWALKS & PLANTING STRIPS
Do not park on or over the sidewalk, or on any gravel and/or concrete planting strip areas between the curb and sidewalk.

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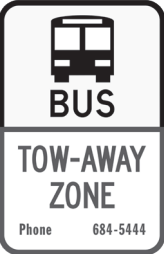
**STOP SIGNS/
YIELD SIGNS**
Do not park within 30 feet of stop signs and yield signs.



TOW-AWAY ZONES
No stopping, standing or parking of vehicles are allowed in these zones or zones that are painted red.



NO PARKING ZONES
No parking is allowed in these zones. There is also no parking permitted at curbs or zones that are painted red or have temporary “No Parking” signs.



BUS ZONES
No passenger or commercial vehicles other than buses are allowed in this zone.



TEMPORARY NO PARKING ZONES
No parking is allowed during the times/dates posted on the temporary “No Parking” signs.

PARKING ALLOWED
with special permit only



DISABLED PARKING
Do not park in areas designated for disabled parking unless you or your passenger are disabled and your vehicle displays a disabled placard or license plate.



CARPOOL PARKING
Do not park in designated carpool parking during the posted hours, unless your vehicle has a Carpool Parking Permit, issued by the City of Seattle. To apply, call (206) 684-0816.



RPZ PERMITS
Vehicles with Restricted Parking Zone (RPZ) permits, issued by the City of Seattle, can park anytime in these spaces for up to 72 hours. Vehicles without permits are limited to the 2-hour parking as posted. To apply, call (206) 684-5086.



PEAK HOURS
Do not park during the posted times as they are strictly enforced and vehicles are towed. Peak hours vary, so promptly remove the vehicle prior to the time restrictions.

Remember that Tow Away Zones are strictly enforced. All vehicles, however, may park before and after the posted times/dates as indicated on the signs.

LOAD ZONES
with time restrictions



LOAD/UNLOAD
Passenger and commercial vehicles are allowed 30 minutes to actively load/unload, unless a different time restriction is posted.



PASSENGER LOAD
All vehicles are allowed 3 minutes to pick up and drop off passengers during the hours posted.



TRUCK LOAD/UNLOAD
Do not park in these spaces unless you have a truck plate commercial vehicle. The space can only be used to load or unload properties during the time allowed.

OTHER SITUATIONS
LICENSE PLATES/TABS

Do not park on-street with missing front or rear plates or with expired tabs.

72-HOUR ON-STREET

Do not park a vehicle on any city street longer than 72 hours. When left unmoved longer than 72 hours, the vehicle is considered abandoned and can be ticketed or towed. A vehicle must be moved to a different block at the end of 72 hours.

UNPAID TICKETS

If you have more than four outstanding parking tickets that are more than 45 days old, your vehicle will be impounded.